Regular Meeting of the BLS Certification Test Ad-hoc Committee Homewood Suites – Innsbrook Richmond, Virginia March 19, 2008 10:30am

Members Present: Members Absent: Others: Staff: Jeffrey Reynolds Tom Olander Greg Neiman Chad Blosser **Diane Hutchison** Dreama Chandler Teresa Ashcraft **Debbie Akers** Mel Losick **Paul Fleenor Kathy Eubank Steve Wade**

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow- up; Responsible Person
I. Welcome	The meeting was called to order at: 10:47am.	up, Responsible Letson
II. Approval of Agenda	The Committee reviewed the proposed agenda. (Attached)	Approved by general consent.
III. Introductions	Introductions were not necessary.	
IV. Approval of Past Minutes	The Committee reviewed the minutes of the November 28, 2007 meeting. (ATTACHMENT: A)	Approved with corrections by general consent.
V. Review of NREMT-B	The committee reviewed each NREMT sheet for adoption:	
Check Sheets	(http://www.nremt.org/EMTServices/exam coord man.asp?secID=1#BSkillSheets)	
	Airway/Ventilation- Combine the two stations into one station – Mel Losick	
	Bleeding Control/Shock Management- will use NREMT sheet with 2 changes	
	Elevates the extremity – Elevates the site of injury	
	Applied a tourniquet before attempting other methods of bleeding control – Did not use	
	occlusive dressing when required	
	Cardiac Arrest-not tested	
	Joint Injury- Combine with extremity checksheet on 1 page	

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	Remove the word 'shoulder' Traction Splint-no changes Mouth to mask-not tested Oxygen Admin-not tested Medical Change text to read Assesses skin [either skin color, temperature, or condition] (1 point)	Motion by: Steve Wade To: First Responder Candidates would not be tested on the Medical Assessment Station. Seconded by: Mel Losick
	Trauma	Unanimously Approved
	Change text to read Assesses skin [either skin color, temperature, or condition] (1 point) Change to Vitals (obtains baseline vitals) Seated Patient-no changes Supine Patient-no changes Dual Lumen-not tested Endotracheal Intubation-not tested	
VI. Discussion of NREMT-B Practical Exam Guide	Deferred to next meeting.	
VII. Discussion of DRAFT- Proposal	The Committee reviewed the proposal and made changes. (ATTACHMENT: B)	Approved with changes by general consent
VIII. Other Items	None.	
IX. Assignments for next Meeting	Committee members are encouraged to attend the PDC meeting on April 9, 2008 to answer questions on the proposal.	
X. Set Next Meeting Date	Wednesday, April 23, 2008, Location TBA.	
X. Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm	

BLS Certification Test Committee March 19, 2008, 10:30 am

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- I. Welcome
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Introductions
- IV. Approval of Minutes from 2/13/08
- V. Review of NREMT-B Check Sheets
- VI. Discussion of NREMT-B Practical Exam Guide
- VII. Discussion of DRAFT-Proposal
- VIII. Other Items
- IX. Assignments for next meeting
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Attachment: A

February 13, 2008 Minutes of the BLS Certification Test Committee

BLS Certification Test Committee Marriott West – Innsbrook Richmond, Virginia February 13, 2008 10:30am

Members Present: Members Absent: Staff: Others:

Jeffrey Reynolds Tom Olander Greg Neiman
Diane Hutchison Dreama Chandler
Teresa Ashcraft Kathy Eubank

Debbie Akers
Mel Losick
Paul Fleenor
Steve Wade

Members Absent: Staff: Others:

Greg Neiman
Chad Blosser
Chad Blosser

Kathy Eubank

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-
		up; Responsible Person
I. Welcome	The meeting was called to order at: 10:40am.	
II. Approval of Agenda	The Committee reviewed the proposed agenda. (Attached)	Motion By: Debbie Akers
		To: Accept the agenda with
		changes
		Second By: Mel Losick
		Vote: Unanimously
III. Introductions	Members of the Committee and Guests introduced themselves.	
IV. Moment of Silence	The Committee observed a Moment of Silence in Honor of George W. Brown.	
V. Approval of Past Minutes	The Committee reviewed the minutes of the November 28, 2007 meeting. (ATTACHMENT: A)	Motion By: Mel Losick
		To: Accept the minutes as
		presented.
		Second By: Diane Hutchison

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		Vote: Unanimously Approved
VI. Discussion of Concerns	The Committee reviewed and discussed the e-mail and letters forwarded by Tom Olander regarding the direction of the Committee. (ATTACHMENT: B) Greg Neiman forwarded the concerns of the Professional Development Committee that the Committee should move forward with the NREMT check sheets and not spend so much time rewriting them.	
VII. Review of NREMT-B Check Sheets	The Committee reviewed the NREMT check sheets and the proposed practical stations. (http://www.nremt.org/EMTServices/exam_coord_man.asp?secID=1#BSkillSheets)	
	There was discussion about Bleeding Wounds/Shock and the Committee felt the NREMT sheet did not adequately evaluate the skill. The Committee discussed the Med Administration Random Skill. They unanimously felt it should not be tested. (ATTACHMENT: C)	Motion By: Diane Hutchison To: Modify the Proposed FR/EMT Practical Stations to remove Med/Admin from the list. Second By: Mel Losick Vote: Unanimously Approved
VIII. Other Items/Public Comment	None	
IX. Assignments for next Meeting	Read the EMT-B Practical Examination Users Guide (Greg to resend) Review the Critical Criteria on each sheet Jeffrey Reynolds will complete the Bleeding/Wounds Skill Sheet PJ and Debbie will review the current Scenarios Greg Neiman will begin drafting a proposal document that will go to PDC in April Next Meeting March 19, 2008, 10:30am Location: TBA	
X. Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm	

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- I. Welcome
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- V. Approval of Minutes from 11/28/07
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Attachment: B

Proposal to the Professional Development Committee

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From the

BLS Certification Test Ad-hoc Committee

Motion: That the BLS Practical Exam for certification in the Commonwealth of Virginia be changed to the following effective July 1, 2009:

- 1. Candidates would be tested individually.
- 2. The stations would be comprised of:
 - a. A trauma assessment station in which the FR & EMT candidate would complete a thorough hands-on assessment and voice-treat a moulaged patient.
 - i. The equipment in the station would be comprised of:
 - 1. BP-cuff
 - 2. Stethoscope & alcohol swabs
 - 3.Penlight.

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- ii. Staff required would be:
 - 1. One (1) evaluator
 - 2. One (1) moulaged patient
- b. A medical assessment station in which the FR & EMT candidate would complete a thorough hands-on assessment and voice-treat a moulaged patient.
 - i. The equipment in the station would be comprised of:
 - 1. BP-cuff
 - 2. Stethoscope
 - 3. Penlight.

- ii. Staff required would be:
 - 1. One (1) evaluator
 - 2. One (1) moulaged patient.
- c. A random skills station. The FR and EMT candidate would approach a table with cards

 flipped over on it. They would choose a card and would perform the skill listed on the card.

 CTS's would staff 3-5 random station rooms that could perform all of the skills. In the

 room, the FR and EMT candidate would approach a table with cards flipped over on it.

 They would choose a card and would perform the skill listed on the card. The skills each

 candidate would need to be ready to perform would include:
 - i. Traction Splinting-EMT candidates only
 - 1. Equipment would be comprised of :
 - a. Hare Traction Splint
 - b. Sager Splint
 - c. Kendrick Traction Device
 - 2. Staff would be:
 - a. One (1) evaluator
 - b. One (1) patient
 - c. One (1) EMT Partner assistant
 - ii. Extremity Splinting-FR & EMT candidates
 - 1. Equipment would be comprised of :
 - a. Board splints and cravats
 - b. Velcro splints
 - c. Vacuum splints
 - d. Pillow
 - 2. Scenarios would include:

a. Long bone fractures

- i. Humerus
- ii. Radius/ulna
- iii. Tibia/fibula

b. Joint fractures/dislocations

- i. Shoulder/clavicle
- ii. Clavicle
- iii. Elbow
- iv. Knee
- v. Ankle

3. Staff would be:

- a. One (1) evaluator
- b. One (1) patient
- c. One (1) EMT Partner assistant

iii. Airway & ventilation-FR & EMT Candidates

- 1. Equipment:
 - a. Airway mannequin
 - b. Assorted nasal and oral airways
 - c. Bag-valve mask
 - d. Oxygen tank/regulator
 - e. Suction
 - f. Yankauer suction
 - g. Flexible suction

2. Staff would be:

a. One (1) evaluator

iv. Bleeding & Wounds-FR & EMT Candidates

- 1. Scenarios would include
 - a.Chest wounds
 - b.a. Neck wounds
 - e.b. Extremity wounds
- 2. Equipment:
 - a. 4x4's
 - b. 5x9's
 - c. Kling
 - d. tape
 - d.e. Occlusive dressings
 - f. NRB
 - g. O2 tank
- 3. Staff would be:
 - a. One (1) evaluator
 - b. One (1) patient
 - c. One (1) EMT Partnerassistant
- v. K.E.D.-EMT candidates only
 - 1. Equipment would be comprised of:
 - a. Kendrick Extrication Device
 - **b.** Assorted sizes of C-collar
 - 2. Staff would be:
 - a. One (1) evaluator
 - b. One (1) patient
 - c. One (1) EMT Partner assistant

- 3. Candidates would correctly apply the device then verbalize movement to a backboard and further care
- vi. Backboarding-FR & EMT Candidates
 - 1. Equipment would be comprised of :
 - a. One (1) Backboard without pins
 - b. One (1) Backboard with pins
 - c. 'Spider-straps'
 - d. Belts with speed-clips/loops
 - e. Cravats
 - f. CID
 - g. Towels/blankets/sheets
 - h. Assorted c-collars
 - 2. Staff would be:
 - a. One (1) evaluator
 - b. One (1) patient
 - c. One (1) EMT Partner Assistant